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**To:** Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager  
**From:** Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations   
**CC:** Board of Managers  
**Date:** 1/6/2011  
**Re:** Update on Capital and Infrastructure Upgrade Projects

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Below please find an update on the various capital and infrastructure upgrade projects currently in-process and in the planning stage:

## **Brookville Road Sidewalk Improvements:**

- Due to adverse weather the project is running approximately 10 days behind schedule. The new projected completion date is February 10.
- Currently, the contractor is in-process of shifting the roadway to make room for the sidewalk along the east side of the roadway.
- Over the past month the contractor and sub-contractors have completed the installation of the following items:
  - Shifted approximately 900 linear feet of Brookville Road
  - 5 fences
  - 5 retaining walls
- During the upcoming month the contractor will complete the roadway shifts where necessary and begin the installation of the gravelpave sidewalk and timber curb.

## **Connecticut Avenue Sidewalks Upgrades (Maryland State Highway Administration):**

- The Maryland State Highway Administration is still in the contract negotiation phase for this work.

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- This is one of the State's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects. The ARRA funds can be used to rebuild and replace existing sidewalk along State Highways between mass transit facilities (i.e. bus stops).
- Approximately 60% of the sidewalks on Connecticut Avenue will be replaced as part of this project.
- The Village has been in contact with the State's project manager to ensure that the State uses the Village's approved brick type and pattern
- It is anticipated that work will not begin until the end of January or beginning of February.

#### **PEPCO Feeder Upgrades (Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane):**

- PEPCO had hoped to complete these wiring upgrades by the end of the calendar year; however, due to their current workload PEPCO anticipates starting this project within the next 2 months.
- The project will include:
  - Replacement of the high voltage (highest wire on the pole) with an upgraded gauge wire.
  - Replacement of secondary wire with an upgraded wire that can withstand tree interaction better
  - Replacement of 12 utility poles
  - Selective tree trimming (resident sign-offs have already been received)

#### **Streetlights Replacement and Upgrade:**

- PEPCO has completed its retrofit of all streetlights in the Village.
- The Village Police Department has conducted a follow-up survey of areas within the Village that do not have any or acceptable light levels at night.
- The Police Department's list will be cross referenced with the Village power pole inventory to determine an estimate cost to illuminate those areas
- The Public Works Committee has been briefed on the follow-up survey and will be meeting later in the month to discuss next steps before submitting a report to the Board at its February regular meeting.

#### **Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program:**

- The first phase of the street maintenance and rehabilitation program was completed in October.
- Currently, the Village Public Works Department is monitoring the Village's roadways during the winter months for potholes that may develop.
- The second and third phases of the project will be coordinated with WSSC as they complete their water main replacement activities over the coming year.

- Due to the cold weather Village paving and asphalt patching is on hold.

#### **Village-wide Sidewalks Replacement:**

- As of January 3<sup>rd</sup> the invitation for bids for the comprehensive sidewalk Replacement project was released.
- Contractors have until February 3<sup>rd</sup> to submit bids.
- It is anticipated that a contract recommendation and construction estimate would be brought to the Board at its March regular meeting.

#### **Verizon FiOS:**

- *Verizon* crews currently have completed all tree trimming and underground conduit prep work.
- *Verizon* have place all 4 fiber optic hubs
- *Verizon* is currently installing the aerial inner-duct and FiOS in the following areas:
  - Grove Street
  - Center Street
  - Montgomery Street
  - Park Street
  - Kirkside Drive
  - Southern portions of Cedar Parkway
- Where aerial-inner duct installation is complete, *Verizon* is placing the FiOS lines, splicing and making connection to energize the service fully.
- It is anticipated that the entire Village order FiOS service by the end of March. However, beginning the end of January portions of Hesketh and Grafton Streets, Kirkside Drive and Belmont Avenue should be able to order FiOS service

#### **WSSC Water Main Replacement:**

- WSSC is still in the contract negotiation and approval phase of the project.
- Construction is not anticipated to begin before March.
- The WSSC is scheduled to approve the contract at its January 19<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.
- Once approved WSSC, the selected contractor and I will meet to discuss the project schedule further. Once that meeting occurs, I will provide a further update to you, the Board and affected residents.

